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Happy New Year 2015!

In joy and gratitude to the Lord for this new beginning, the Community of Viale Africa wishes all the Brothers and Sisters of the Order a new year 2015 blessed with every grace of life, prosperity and health of soul and body

Viale Africa: On December 11th , after a long term of service at the Secretariat, carried out with great availability and generous dedication, Sr. Claire Boutin left Viale Africa, in view of offering fraternal assistance to the Community of Chimay. Thanking her very much for her great service and friendship during all these years, we wish her a peaceful and fruitful year 2015. As we await a new secretary, Sr. Maria Teresa Caminada, of Vitorchiano, now ensures the service of the Secretariat at the Generalate

Alloz

Following the decision of the General Chapter of 2014, vote 9 (cfr. Acts of the 2° Single General Chapter, n. 9, p. 12), the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA) has nominated, *perdurante necessitate*, (as long as it is necessary) Reverend Mother Pilar Germán, Abbess of the Monastery "Sancta María de la Caridad", at Tulebras, Pontifical Commissary of the Monastery of Alloz-Estella.

Vina

Dom Paul Mark Schwan completed his first term of six years as Abbot of Vina (USA) on January 11, 2015. On the same day, Dom Paul Mark was re-elected Abbot of the Community for a new six year term.

Martyrs of Viaceli

On January 22, the Holy Father Pope Francis received in private audience his Eminence Card. Angelo Amato, SDB, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During this audience the Pope authorized the Congregation to promulgate the decree concerning the martyrdom of the Servants of God Pio Heredia and 17 Companions, monks and nuns of the Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance (Trappists) and of the Congregation of San Bernard: killed in hatred of the faith in 1936, during the Spanish Civil War

The beatification will be in Spain, probably in the autumn of 2015.

Azul

On January, 26 2015, Dom Bernardo Olivera completed his second term of six years as Abbot of Nuestra Señora de los Angeles (Azul – Argentina). On the same day, he was re-elected Abbot of the Community for a definite term.

Butende

On January 28, 2015, the Community of O. L. of Praise, Butende (diocese of Masaka, Uganda) elected as abbess for a six year term, Sr. Augustine Kanyesigye. Mother Augustine was born in 1957, entered Butende in 1981 and made solemn profession in 1989. She had been Cellarer, Novice Mistress and Prioress in her Community.

Soleilmont

On January 28, 2015, Mother Dominique Graulich completed her second term of six years as Abbess of N.D. de Soleilmont (Belgium). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the Community for an indefinite term.

L'Étoile Notre-Dame

Mother Bibiane Igaro, Abbess of L'Étoile Notre- Dame, Parakou, (Benin) since 1999, has presented her resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on 17 January 2015.

On February 11, 2015, the Community of L'Étoile Notre- Dame (diocese of Parakou, Benin)) elected as abbess for a six year term, Sr. Geneviève Akakpo. Mother Geneviève was born in 1967, entered L'Étoile Notre- Dame in 1987 and made solemn profession in 1995. At the time of her nomination, Mother Geneviève was Prioress of the Community.

Mount Melleray

Dom Erik Varden, Superior *ad nutum* of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey and delegate of the Father Immediate of Mount Melleray (diocese of Waterford and Lismore, Ireland) has appointed Father Liam O'Conner Superior *ad nutum* of Mount Melleray Abbey. Father Liam was born in 1944 and has been Subprior of Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea since 2009. The appointment is effective on 17 February, 2015.

Juigalpa

On February 22, 2015, at the end of her first term as Prioress, Mother Stella Maris Venezia was re-elected Titular Prioress of Sta María de la Paz, Juigalpa (Nicaragua) for a new six year term.

Clairefontaine

5 March, 2015 the *Congregation of Institutes for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life* appointed Moeder Rebekka Willekes, Prioress of Priorij O.L. Vr. van Klaarland, in Belgium, as Abbess Administrator of the Abbaye Notre-Dame de Clairefontaine. (diocese of Namur, Belgium).

Moeder Rebekka is appointed "ad nutum Sanctae Sedis" that is directly under the authority of the Congregation for as long as the Holy See considers it necessary.

Baumgarten

Dom Hugues Chapelain de Seréville, Abbot of Neiges, and Mother Anne-Emmanuelle Devêche, Abbess of Blauvac, recently completed the special Visitation requested by the General Chapter of 2014 for the community of Baumgarten.

On March 25, 2015, Dom Dominique-Marie Schoch, Superior *ad nutum* of Oelenberg and Father Immediate of Baumgarten, appointed Mother Anne-Emmanuelle Devêche Superior *ad nutum* of Baumgarten.

Mother Anne-Emmanuelle continues as Abbess of Blauvac.

Martyrs of Viaceli (2)

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints has decided that the Beatification of the martyrs of Viaceli and the martyrs of Algemesi will take place at 12.00 hrs on Saturday, October 3, 2015 in the cathedral of Santander, Cantabria, Spain.

Mount St. Bernard

On April 16, 2015, the Community of Mount St Bernard Abbey (diocese of Nottingham, GB) elected as abbot, for a six year term, Dom Erik Varden.

Dom Erik was born in 1974 and entered Mount St Bernard in 2002. He made solemn profession in 2007 and was ordained a priest in 2011. At the time of his election, he was Superior *ad nutum* of Mount St Bernard.

Kopua

On April 8 Dom Brian Keogh offered his resignation as abbot of Kopua to the Abbot General, for

reasons of health. The Abbot General, after consultation with the persons concerned and with the consent of his council, accepted the resignation which became effective on April 19, 2015.

On April 9 Dom Liam O'Connor, Superior *ad nutum* of Mount Melleray Abbey and Father Immediate of Kopua, delegated his authority as Father Immediate to Dom Steele Hartmann, abbot of Tarrawarra, with immediate effect. Dom Steele, in line with C. 39.1 thus has assumed responsibility at Kopua as the community discerns about an election.

Dom Brian has gone to Tarrawarra Abbey for convalescence and medical care. He and the community are commended to your prayers.

Rosary

On May, 4, 2015 Sister Maria Goretti was elected Prioress of the Simple Priory of Rosary. She has been novice mistress since 2007.

Huambo

On May 13, 2015, the Community of of the Simple Priory of Nasoma Y'Ombembwa in Angola (diocese of Huambo) elected as Prioress, for a six year term, Mother Manuela Salvadori. Mother Manuela has been the Superior *ad nutum* since 2012.

Nunraw

Dom Mark Caira completed his six-year term as abbot of Nunraw on June 1, 2015. On that same day, after the conventual chapter had voted for an abbatial mandate of six years, an election was held in which Dom Mark, who is 75 years of age, was postulated as abbot of Nunraw.

The Abbot General confirmed the election, in accordance with Statute 40. A bis of the Constitutions. (See vote 49 of the Acts of the General Chapter of 2014).

Nishinomiya

On June 8, 2015, Mother Veronique Shibata completed her term as Abbess of Nishinomiya (Osaka – Japan). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the Community for an indefinite term.

Viale Africa

On June, 9 2015 Sr. Eleanor Campion of Glencairn, cellarer of the Generalate since January 2012, has completed her term of service. She is replaced by Brother Enzo Gadea of Huerta.

Grateful for the work of Sr. Eleanor in this position we offer our prayers and good wishes to Br. Enzo as he takes up this service to the Generalate.

New Clairvaux - Vina

In order to commemorate the Nonacentenary of the founding of Clairvaux abbey in 1115, Cistercian monks and nuns of both the Strict Observance and the Order of Citeaux as well as lay Cistercian scholars and a Benedictine monk-scholar on Thomas Merton were invited to a symposium that started June 15th until the 20th, 2015. We closed the symposium with a special Vespers and banquet which included the Bishop of the Sacramento diocese.

Roscrea

On 16 June 2015, at the end of his first abbatial mandate, Dom Richard Purcell was re-elected as Abbot of Roscrea (Ireland) for another six year term. The election was confirmed by the Abbot General and Dom Richard was installed the same day.

Phare

On June 26, 2015, the Community of O. L. of Phare (diocese of Sapporo, Japan) elected as abbot, for a six year term, Dom Aloysius Yokouchi Hiroshi.

Dom Aloysius was born in 1968 and entered Phare in 2002. He made solemn profession in 2007 and was ordained a priest in 2014.

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